DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An estimate has been sanctioned and steps are being taken for the acquisition of the lands.

MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR: May I know whether lands have been acquired for the purpose?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes, Sir.

MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR: May I know the number of miles taken.

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: About 18 miles. There may have been variations.

Supplying of ration to the labourers working in the Perunchani Scheme.

213. *MR. D. THOMAS (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavancode*): Will the Government be pleased to state if it is a fact that due to non supply of ration to the labourers working in the Perunchani scheme the progress of the work has suffered much?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: No.

MR. D. THOMAS: May I know whether the Chief Engineer has received complaints from the labourers of Perunchani on this matter?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I am very sorry indeed, I have not had any. In fact, not only was rationed rice issued to these labourers, but it was cleaned before use. It involved a shortage and I had to write off a certain quantity. There has been a loss to the Government on that account.

MR. D. THOMAS: May I know whether the Departmental coolies were supplied with ration?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes, Sir. Both the departmental coolies and the contractors' coolies were supplied with rations.

Kovilakathu Bridge.

214. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the present condition of the Kovilakathu bridge on the southern side of the Tiruvalla temple; and

(*b*) whether the bridge has been reconstructed?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) A few decking planks, hand rails and kerbs require renewal.

(*b*) No. It is under the control of the Municipality.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May know at whose cost it was constructed?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It was originally constructed by Government. But later on, it was transferred to the municipality at their request.

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